

COMMUNITY ASPECTS OF PREPAREDNESS & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

2nd Fridays 1:30 - 2:30 ET

November 2002 – April 2003

November 8, 2002 – “Overview of Terrorism”

Wes Jones, PhD, Director of Children's Services, Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas, Emporia, KS,

This course will present an historical overview of terrorism both within the US and abroad. We will discuss the psychological impact of terrorism and intervention strategies that healthcare workers can use.

December 13, 2002 – “Post-Trauma Stress Disorder”

Wes Jones, PhD, Director of Children's Services, Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas, Emporia, KS,

After a traumatic event in your community, post-trauma stress disorder (PTSD) is a serious mental health concern. This course will present an historical overview of PTSD and the diagnostic criteria necessary to make the diagnosis. Co-occurring disorders and cultural variations will be discussed. Participants will leave the conference armed with appropriate PTSD intervention strategies.

January 10, 2003 – “Enhancing Community Resilience Against Terrorism”

Joe E. Thornton, MD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Univ. Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, TX

Psychological terror is the normal response to the credible threat of horrendous harm. The impact of psychological terrorism can be more harmful to a community and society than the actual damage from a terrorist act. These terrorist threats induce a wide range of intense emotions among the affected populations. Using knowledge of these emotions, this session describes actions to mitigate against psychological terror in our community with special emphasis on the role of health care professionals. The driving premise for this talk is the uncertainty for what type of threat we are planning for. Therefore, in addition to discussing plans for known threats, we will also address community problem solving skills, emphasizing community team building before an actual threat occurs.

February 14, 2003 – “Stress Tips”

Robert Stewart, Lt Col., Brooks Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, TX

This course will discuss numerous tips that have been shown to be effective in responding to critical incidents. Emphasis will be placed on responding to stressful events while attempting to maintain efficiency within an organization. Most of the strategies discussed are applicable to leadership and professionals in all walks of life. Personal reflections will be shared from the presenter's first-hand experiences in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew.

March 14, 2003 – “Meaning-Making in the Wake of Tragedy”

Marcia Lattanzi-Licht, RN, MA, LPC; Lattanzi Licht and Associates, Boulder, CO

When a tragedy occurs, it's human tendency to search for answers, to search for meaning. This course will review the major writings on the search for meaning following loss and tragedy, and the role that an individual's beliefs play in how tragedy is perceived. Individual inner realities (safety, hope, reflection, etc.) will be covered, as well as “reasons to live”, and the role of the community in creating meaning.

April 11, 2003 – “Legal, Social and Ethical Issues Related to Quarantine”

Kristine Qureshi, RN, MSN, CEN, Center for Public Health Preparedness, Columbia University, New York, NY

The WTC and anthrax terrorism events of 2001 served to highlight our nation's vulnerability to bioterrorism. Defense against bioterrorism requires: planning, prevention, mitigation and response. Quarantine is frequently cited as a potential mechanism to prevent the spread of diseases of bioterrorism. However, the serious political, legal, social and ethical issues posed by quarantine have received little attention from the healthcare community. This presentation will explore these issues and provide the participant with updated information surrounding this topic.

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